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Paris, July 20.—The troubles of the French Catholic Church are a well known fact, but now come the French Protestants with grievances.

Before the separation, the Protestant churches, excepting those that were free received a share of the public funds. Like the Catholics, they have now lost this income. It is estimated that there are nearly 500,000 Protestants in France, 50,000 of whom are in Paris. These churches are very poor. The French law does not recognize the right of church corporations to demand legacies and funds that are left to them by will, and it is only when the heirs are willing to turn money over to them that they benefit by wills. The Evangelical churches now ask for a law permitting the churches to receive legacies that have first been authorized by the French cabinet. The Evangelical Reformed church goes further in asking the exemption of state authorization in case of a gift or legacy for current expenses.

It is doubtful if the relief asked for will be granted, as anti-clericalism sees a lunatic even in these reasonable requests, the fact being that the French church war is really a war against religion, not against clerical politics, as is pretended.

Americans Inspect Eiffel Tower.

Majors C. M. K. Salzman and Edgar Russell of the United States Army Signal Corps, who were delegates to the recent wireless telegraph conference in London, inspected the Eiffel Tower wireless telegraph station this week and were much impressed with its efficiency. They think the suggestion of putting the operating room of the wireless station underground is an excellent idea, as it will mean greater security. The Americans express the hope of eventual communication between the Eiffel Tower station and the new Arlington station at Washington. France has outstripped America, they say, in the production of wireless equipment. Major Russell has gone to Berlin and Major Salzman sailed for home today.

Miseries of the Telephone.

The Chinese telephone service is perhaps as bad, but certainly not worse than that of Paris. American visitors prefer taking a taxi to trying to communicate with any one by telephone. Besides the difficulty of procuring the French numbers, there is something most confusing in having to talk to a man in the direction of a seemingly blank wall. The French telephones have no numbers on the other end, in which to talk, the subscriber, customer, victim or whatever he may be called, merely shouting himself in a loud voice to a place of yellow light. He shouts at some time or other in his attempt at being friendly, a shouting board. Any possible improvement has now been made more remote than ever through the courts sustaining the incompetency of the managers of the telephone service.

An annoying instance of telephonic incompetency came up recently when Dr. Person complained of being constantly annoyed by calls from various persons whom he did not know, but who familiarly ordered him to call for their laundry or errand him to come over to the club and take a hand at bridge. When he investigated he found that the telephone "central" had mixed up his number with those of a highly respectable washerwoman and a most notorious sporting club. So the cable doctor brought suit before a magistrate. He was awarded \$40 damages against the State. The latter appealed to a higher court, which reversed the decision, declaring that the lower courts had no right to grant damages against the State for errors due to the negligence of its employees, even in a case of operating a public service akin to a private enterprise.

Gaby Attacks a Critic.

Gaby Deslys has undertaken to vindicate herself with music hall audiences in connection with her suit for damages against the *Gil Blas* for calling her a freak and saying, "She cannot sing and cannot dance, but only exhibit herself." Mlle. Deslys writes: "If the music hall is so destitute of originality and wit why do eminent dramatists introduce the features in the regular theatre and why do great actors and actresses find profit in invading its field? The music hall performers should not be criticised on blue. Corneille wrote the *Cid* and *Attila* and Mme. de Sevigne parodied the bad poetry of the latter because of the sublime beauty of the former. The music hall artist is never a Corneille, but the critics are not always Sevignes and they might learn a lesson from this. The music hall artist requires more originality than the average theatre artist, because the latter is guided by the author in interpreting the part to be played. The music hall player must create his or her entire entertainment.

"If I am so stupid myself, why do so many directors seek my collaboration?" Mlle. Deslys asks she might go to America again next winter.

Abstain Now "Hygienic."

The abstemious makers have been hoodwinked by the French Senate, according to Senator Cazeneuve, who is a physician, by being induced to agree to a proposition for interior liquor containing thyme, which the opponents of abstemiousness contains dangerous elements of the green poison. Senator Cazeneuve says that thyme is only one of the many constituent poisons of certain liquors and that the new law is most harmful, as the manufacturers are now enabled to label their drinks as "hygienic" and thus attract the public which the nation has been seeking to suppress.

Rather, Wiktor, a representative of John W. Wiktor, who died on the steamship *Empress* while coming to France, was regarded in Paris as the death of American hopes for great business houses. No American was so well known on the Rue de la Paix. Mr. Wiktor was the first American to import French goods and he helped to give an American

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN ATTACK MR. ASQUITH

Women Rush Premier at Chester Station on Return Trip From Dublin.

Police Guard Ministers
Fear for Lives of Cabinet Members—No Truce, Say the Fighters.

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London, July 20.—The bitterness and determination of the suffragette campaign were again evidenced this afternoon when Premier Asquith was attacked at the Chester railway station on his return journey from Dublin. Another attack was attempted upon his arrival here.

At Chester Dr. Jessie Murray and Mary Gray, two suffragettes, rushed the Premier and shouted: "Be warned in time!" Other women, who resented the attack on Mr. Asquith, turned on the suffragettes and were handling them roughly when a clergyman, who was standing near by, rescued them. The two women were detained by the police.

On the arrival of the Prime Minister's train at Euston Station to-night another woman attempted to attack Mr. Asquith, but was prevented.

By United Press.
London, July 20.—Completely terrorized by the suffragettes, English public men are guarded to-night by the Car is guarded at a time of nihilistic activity in Russia. They are no longer worried by the risk of mere annoyance. They fear for their lives and the safety of their families.

King George's advisers have warned him strongly against any public appearances for the present. Scotland Yard's ingenuity and resources are taxed to the utmost to protect the Cabinet, their wives and children and their homes.

The police are convinced that the votes for women militants have entered upon a campaign of arson and homicide. There is no question that an attempt was made to burn the home of one member of the Cabinet. The hangings of the Dublin theatre where Premier Asquith spoke last night were set on fire. That the gunpowder found in the rooms of a party of suffragette demonstrators was intended to blow up the theatre, the suffragettes themselves do not deny. It is agreed that the hatchet thrown by a suffragette at the Premier in Dublin yesterday narrowly missed him.

The Women's Social and Political Union issued a statement commending all these demonstrations. It is feared that this will inspire further violence. Premier Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George, Home Secretary McKenna, Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and other Cabinet Ministers have received the most ferocious threats anonymously of what will happen to them unless they declare for equal rights at the polls. Not only are they assured that they are in danger of being killed, but that the burning of their homes and the kidnapping of their children are planned.

"There is only one thing that will induce us to declare a truce," announced Miss Annie Kenney, who is acting as head of the Women's Social and Political Union during the period of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst's convalescence from her recent experience as a hunger striker in Holloway prison, "and that is the passage of a law giving us the ballot. We will declare a truce twice while the bill is in the House, and then the Government will have to give us the vote. We will not only give the bill, but we will give it in accordance with the agreement in regard to Morocco. The approval of the two Governments is now the only thing lacking to make the agreement effective."

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The robbers made a clean getaway, taking with them £1,500.

Turco-Bulgarian Line Cut.
SOFIA, Bulgaria, July 20.—The telegraph line to Constantinople was cut this morning. The police are making a rigid investigation.

Change in Russian Embassy.
St. Petersburg, July 20.—Mikhail Sevastopoulou, ambassador of the Russian Embassy in Washington, has been transferred to the same position in Paris. It was announced today. A. K. Scherbatsky, now first secretary of the Russian Embassy in Tokyo, will succeed M. Sevastopoulou in Washington.

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U. S. OFFICERS TAKE GOMEZ.

New Mexican Revolutionary Plot Is Discovered.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 20.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, Minister of the Interior in the Diaz Cabinet at Mexico and for a week provisional president of the Orozco Revolutionary party, was kidnapped to-night by United States Secret Service officers, and up to midnight was held prisoner in the Federal Building.

Simultaneously with the capture of Gomez, Francisco Guzman, private secretary of Gomez, and Dr. P. Rufo, were taken into custody on the street, and Francisco Perez and Felipe Mivannon, identified with the Gomez revolutionary faction, were taken from a Southern Pacific train, which they had boarded for El Paso. All five prisoners are charged with violating the United States neutrality laws.

For days the United States authorities have known of a new revolutionary plot forming here and having its base of operations in the states of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila, Mexico, across the Texas border. Large quantities of arms and ammunition are known to have been shipped through here from St. Louis, Kansas City and New Orleans, some going to El Paso, but the larger portion to Laredo, Tex.

From Laredo this war material gradually disappeared and is known to have been smuggled across the Rio Grande River into Mexico.

REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL?

Report of Another Uprising at Lisbon and Oporto.

LISBON, July 20.—According to a despatch received in this city from Oporto a revolution has begun at Lisbon and Oporto. This news was received at Oporto by way of Verin, a town in Spain near the Portuguese border.

The Government this afternoon issued a denial of the report.

Americans Visiting in Europe.

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Paris, July 20.—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stedman of Philadelphia are automobiling about Maribad.

Ex-District Attorney Philbin of New York and Mrs. Philbin are at Deauville.

F. W. Vanderbilt is at Evian-les-Bains.

Clarence Mackay is Visiting his Mother in Normandy.

His sister, the Princess Colonna, will join them next week.

Signers Plague Under Control.

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ATLANTA, July 20.—The plague area is under control. The houses in which there were supposed cases have been burned down and the most stringent measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the scourge.

Boston Climbers at Innsbruck.

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INNSBRUCK, July 20.—A party of thirty-five members of the Appalachian Mountain Club of Boston is sightseeing here, and after a few days in the Austrian Alpine section they will tour the Dolomites.

SIGNS OF VIOLENCE ON WOMAN SHOT IN HOTEL

Real Estate Man Who Killed
Her Is Held in Tombs
by Coroner.

George Raymond Harkness, the young Brooklyn real estate man, who according to his own statement accidentally shot and killed Florence C. Hopp in the Hotel York early yesterday, is in the Tombs. He was remanded there for forty-eight hours by Coroner Feinberg pending further investigation.

At the inquest Harkness made a long statement as to the circumstances of the shooting and was followed on the stand by the doctor who performed the autopsy and by the policeman who arrested him.

The police are inclined to believe his story, but an examination of the woman's body showed bruises on the arm and chin. How recent they are it has not been determined. The patrolman whom Harkness found on the street and brought back to the room testified there were no signs of a struggle.

The pair were registered as Mr. and Mrs. Harkness. When Patrolman Armstrong, on post at Seventh Avenue and Thirty-eight street, went with Harkness to the hotel, he found a woman lying on her back near the bed, unconscious, with her head on a pillow. She was shot above the left ear. Dr. J. F. Westerman of 106 East Third street was already there and Dr. Ward arrived soon after in an ambulance. He took the woman to the New York Hospital, where she died.

Armstrong told the Coroner that he took Harkness to the West Thirty-seventh street station. There the prisoner admitted to Lieut. Woolbridge that the woman was not his